

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please delete drawing sheets 1-5, and substitute in their place the replacement drawing sheets 1-6 enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the specification in view of a reference to a "Figure 5" when there is no corresponding Figure 5 among the drawings. Applicant's undersigned agent has reviewed the application and figures with the inventor, and we have determined that during the drafting of the specification, Figure 2 was misplaced, which appears to have resulted in the erroneous renumbering of subsequent Figures 3-5. Figure 2 is hereby restored to the application as replacement sheet 3. Figure 2 was present in the priority application, US provisional 60/034,509, therefore no new matter is introduced by restoring it. The numbering of the remaining Figures is also restored, so that "Figure 4" emerges as the missing Figure 5. With these corrections, the brief descriptions of the drawings on page 6 now correctly refer to the appropriate figures.

The specification has also been amended at page 16 to provide correct references to figures 1A through 1F. The amendment corrects inadvertent typographical errors. It would be clear to one of skill in the art that spin column experiments do not yield the electropherograms of Figures 1A-1D, but rather to the retained radioactivity plots of Figures 1E and 1F. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the amendment adds no new matter.

The amendments correct formal errors, one of which gave rise to the last remaining objection by the Examiner, without introducing new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendment and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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